

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Drug Abuse
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to undertake a new/nation-wide survey on drug abuse and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of funds allocated to various NGOs/Voluntary Organisations for rehabilitation of victims of substance abuse and alcoholism along with the number of persons benefited during each of the last two years and the current year, State-wise including Rajasthan;
- (c) whether there is shortage of funds for the said purpose, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to improve the funding for the purpose;
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the number of Regional Resource Training Centres functioning in the country, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard; and
- (e) the measures/steps taken by the Government to understand the frequent changes in pattern of drug abuse during the last five years in order to deal with the menace?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) In 2007, the Ministry had requested National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) to conduct a nationwide survey on extent, pattern and trend of alcohol and drug abuse. Accordingly, the NSSO had conducted a pilot survey in the cities of Amritsar, Imphal and Mumbai in March-April 2010. The report of the pilot survey was received from NSSO on 05.01.2011. On examination of the report of the Pilot Survey, certain issues relating to under estimation, non-coverage of certain age groups etc. were raised and a more comprehensive and extended pilot survey was suggested. The National Statistical Commission (NSC) in its meeting held on 06.09.2013 has observed that no purpose would be served by conducting the proposed Advanced Pilot Survey and suggested that the methodology and the sampling design may be looked afresh. Thereafter, a Working Group was constituted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, with NSSO as nodal organization to devise the modalities of advanced pilot survey in the States of Punjab and Manipur. The report of the Working Group has been received. However, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has informed that the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment can conduct the survey through the help of NGOs on the pattern of earlier pilot survey done in the year 2010. The NSSO would provide all the necessary support if required. The Ministry is in the process of finalizing an agency for conducting the National Survey.

(b) State-wise details of Grant in aid released to the NGOs and number of beneficiaries under the Scheme of Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse during last three years, including Rajasthan, is placed at Annexure.

(c) As per scheme parameters, funds have not been a constraint.

(d) Under the Scheme of Assistance for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse and for Social Defence Services, the Ministry designates an NGO of repute with adequate experience and consistently good track record as a Regional Resource and Training Centre (RRTC) on receipt of recommendation from the State Government. Presently, twelve NGOs have been designated as RRTCs under the Scheme.

(e) The proposed National Survey as stated in para (a) above, would capture the data regarding extent, pattern and trend of drug abuse in the country.